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## **BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY**

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Councillor H. P. FLYNN

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### **OFFICIALS OF THE CORPORATION**

**Town Clerk:** ERNEST BAILEY, Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley.

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**BEVERLEY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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**FOR 1968**

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Divisional Health Office,  
Manor Road,  
Beverley  
June 1969

*To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of the Borough of Beverley*

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1968.

The Registrar General's figure for the year 1968 indicates a mid-year population of 17,300, an increase of 80 compared with last year.

During the year there were 313 births and 195 deaths compared with 312 births and 205 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the Borough of 19.5 compares with the national birth rate of 16.9 per 1,000 population and an adjusted death rate of 11.1 compares with a national death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 population.

Causes of death follow the usual pattern, diseases of the heart and circulatory system being the major causes. There were two deaths of infants under one year of age compared with three last year.

On infectious diseases, measles was again outstanding, 130 cases being notified. With one exception all were children under ten years of age. Four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. This is the highest figure for several years and indicates that tuberculosis is still a disease with which we must reckon.

Concerning sanitary circumstances, there were few changes during the year. Water continued to be supplied by Hull Corporation and ten samples taken during the year all proved satisfactory. Twenty samples were taken from private bores and where samples proved unsatisfactory, remedial measures were advised where possible.

Unfit houses continued to be dealt with and during the year, 17 were demolished as individually unfit houses or under slum clearance procedure, one was closed and one was made fit and brought back into occupation.

It is pleasing to note an increase in the number of inspections of premises, vehicles, stalls etc. dealing with food, when advice and help can be given on matters of food hygiene: also that 100% inspection of meat continued during the year in spite of the increase in the number of animals killed.

In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN,

*Medical Officer of Health*



## STATISTICS

### General

Area in acres .....	2,404
Population: 1968 Registrar General .....	17,300
Rateable value at 31st March, 1968.....	£577,157
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£2,375 (est)

### Vital

#### Live Births:

Total live births .....	313
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population .....	18.1
Comparability factor .....	1.08
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population .....	19.5
Illegitimate live births included in above total	18

#### Still Births:

Total still births .....	7
Illegitimate still births included in above total	-

#### Deaths:

Total deaths .....	195
Crude death rate per 1,000 population .....	11.3
Comparability factor .....	.98
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.....	11.1
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age) .....	2
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births .....	6.0



**Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population  
including service personnel living in the district**

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>		
1968	16.9 *	19.5
1967	17.2	18.3
1966	17.7	19.3
1965	18.0	19.2
1964	18.4	18.76
<b>DEATHS</b>		
1968	11.9 *	11.1
1967	11.3	11.9
1966	11.7	11.4
1965	11.5	12.99
1964	11.3	11.58

\*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

## Principal Causes of Death

CAUSES OF DEATH						Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm —stomach	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
„ „ lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	8
„ „ breast	..	..	..	..	..	—	2	2
„ „ uterus	..	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
Leukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	11	7	18
Diabetes mellitus	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Other diseases of the nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	—	3	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Hypertensive disease	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
Ischaemic heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	29	24	53
Other forms of heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	13
Cerebrovascular disease	..	..	..	..	..	14	15	29
Other diseases of the circulatory system	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	9
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	6	10	16
Bronchitis and emphysema	..	..	..	..	..	8	2	10
Other diseases of the respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Other diseases of the genito-urinary system	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	..	..	..	..	..	3	—	3
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	3	7	10
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	..	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
All other external causes	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
						98	97	195

## Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death		1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Under 1 year	..	3	8	7	3	2
1—5 years	..	—	1	3	—	1
6—15 years	..	2	—	2	—	—
16—25 years	..	1	—	1	1	3
26—45 years	..	6	15	21	2	8
46—65 years	..	45	39	30	44	37
66 years and over	..	127	148	123	155	144
Totals	..	184	211	187	205	195

**Table showing Causes and Age Distribution of  
Infant Deaths**

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total under 1 year
Pneumonia .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of the genito-urinary system ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals .. ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>

## Infant Mortality Rate

### Deaths under One year of Age Rates per 1,000 Live Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1968	18.0	6.0
1967	18.3	10.0
1966	19.0	20.8
1965	19.0	25.16
1964	20.0	9.77

### Still Birth Rate Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1968	14.0*	22.0
1967	14.8	16.0
1966	15.4	5.95
1965	15.7	15.48
1964	16.3	19.17

\*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever ..	—	6	7	29	3	—	—	—	—	—	45
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	4	39	42	44	1	—	—	—	—	—	130
Acute Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	4
Totals ..	4	45	49	75	4	—	4	1	—	—	182

### The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

Disease	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever .. ..	1	1	12	5	45
Whooping Cough .. ..	30	2	—	16	—
Poliomyelitis and	—	—	—	—	—
Polio-Encephalitis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	189	207	24	347	130
Acute Pneumonia .. ..	—	1	—	—	—
Dysentery .. ..	4	1	95	—	2
Erysipelas .. ..	—	1	—	—	—
Food Poisoning .. ..	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia .. ..	1	3	—	1	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .. ..	—	—	—	2	4
Totals .. ..	225	216	131	371	182

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA**

### **HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Hospitals in the Borough are under the East Riding Hospital Management Committee and are as follows:

#### **Westwood Hospital**

This hospital has 238 beds and provides facilities for general medical, surgical, orthopaedic, paediatric and maternity cases.

#### **Beverley Cottage Hospital**

This hospital has 20 beds for gynaecological cases.

#### **Miniature Mass Radiography**

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough once a fortnight and held public and private sessions. A total of 1,224 persons were examined.

### **NURSING HOMES**

There are no Nursing Homes registered under the Public Health Act 1936 within the Borough.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**

### **Part III. Accommodation**

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Minster Towers and Langholme. These homes together have beds for 66 elderly persons.

### **Section 47**

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

## **LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES**

The following services are provided in the Borough by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:

### **Infant Welfare Clinics**

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Lord Roberts Road Clinic and Coltman Avenue Clinic. At Lord Roberts Road, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Tuesday afternoons and open sessions were held on Thursday afternoons, while at the Infant Welfare Clinic, Coltman Avenue, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Thursday and Friday afternoons and open sessions were held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



The number of children who attended the Clinics and the number of attendances made by them during the year were as shown below:

<i>Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:</i>	<i>Beverley School Clinic</i>	<i>Coltman Avenue Clinic</i>
1963-66	82	39
1967	150	48
1968	82	89
Total attendances	1,911	2026
Average attendances per session	27	32

### **Domiciliary Midwifery Service**

During the year four Nurse/Midwives working in the Borough attended 17 domiciliary births.

### **Health Visiting**

Six Health Visitors work within the Borough having offices at the Divisional Health Office, Manor Road; the Medical Room, Longcroft School; and Coltman Avenue Clinic.

### **Home Nursing Service**

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service and 6 Nurses (4 of whom are also Midwives) work in the Borough.

### **Ambulance Service**

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in Grovehill Road (telephone number 881198).

### **Domestic Help**

Home Help service rendered in the Borough is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone 881281).

## **LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE**

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authorities schools in the Borough. In addition the following facilities are provided by the County Council:

### **Lord Roberts Road Clinic:**

Minor Ailment clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Up to 8th April — Monday — all day, Tuesday — morning, Wednesday — afternoon, Thursday — morning, Friday — morning. Up to 13th May — Monday — all day, Tuesday — morning, Wednesday — afternoon, Friday — morning. After 13th May — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday — mornings only, Wednesday — all day.



Speech Therapy

Held in a hut at County Hall Car Park weekly.

**Coltman Avenue Clinic:**

Minor ailment clinic

Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Speech Therapy

Weekly at Swinemoor Infants School.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

### **Holderness Health Division Co-ordinating Committee**

Once every two or three months the Co-ordinating Committee under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Beverley to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Ministry of Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the Police Force and Probation Officers. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair at this Committee.

### **Public Health Laboratory Service**

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at the Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull.

### **Family Planning Association**

The Family Planning Association held clinics on Friday mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### **Cervical Cytology**

East Riding County Council holds cervical cytology sessions in Beverley approximately once every three weeks according to demand.

**REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1968  
T. B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I.  
TABLE I**

<i>Total No. of Inspections</i>		<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	
Public Health Act, 1936	.. 1,775	Dwelling-houses:	
		First Visits .. ..	812
		Revisits .. ..	313
		Disinfestation of Premises and Bedding:	
		First Visits .. ..	24
		Revisits .. ..	13
		Drainage Works:	
		First Visits .. ..	250
		Revisits .. ..	155
		Common Lodging-houses:	6
		Offensive Trades .. ..	3
		Smoke and Dust Nuisances ..	33
		Caravans .. ..	17
		Infectious Disease .. ..	109
		Noise Nuisance .. ..	40
			<hr/> 1,775
Housing Act, 1957	.. .. 103	Clearance/Closing of Houses ..	98
		Overcrowding .. ..	5
			<hr/> 103
Water Supplies	.. .. 69	Collection of samples for analysis .. ..	69
		Installations .. ..	—
			<hr/> 69
Clean Air Act, 1956	.. .. 7	Investigations .. ..	7
			<hr/>
Food & Drugs Act, 1955	.. 1,829	Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection) .. ..	920
		Food Preparing Premises ..	236
		Ice-cream Premises .. ..	21
		Unfit 'Other Food' .. ..	29
		Bakehouses .. ..	64
		Food Vehicles .. ..	90
		Retail Premises .. ..	356
		Food Stalls .. ..	113
			<hr/> 1,829
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	.. .. 886	Rodent Treatment .. ..	886
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928	.. .. 18	Storage of Petroleum .. ..	18
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958	.. 19	Slaughterhouses .. ..	19
Factory Act, 1961	.. .. 21	Factories .. ..	21
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	.. .. 85	Offices and Shops .. ..	85
Housing Act, 1961	.. .. 18	Houses in Multiple Occupation	18
			<hr/>
	<b>TOTAL ..</b>		<b>4,830</b>
			<hr/>

## TABLE II

### NOTICES SERVED

#### Under Public Health and Housing Acts

Number of Preliminary Notices served .. .. .	29
Number of Preliminary Notices complied with .. .. .	30
Number of Statutory Notices served .. .. .	5
Number of Statutory Notices complied with:	
(a) By Owners .. .. .	3
(b) By Corporation in default .. .. .	—

The Notices not complied with have been carried forward to the year 1969.

## HOUSING

### Statistics

Number of houses in the Borough at 31st December, 1968:

Local Authority .. .. .	1,689
Private .. .. .	4,241

Houses erected during the year:

Local Authority .. .. .	Nil
Private .. .. .	48

Houses in course of erection during the year:

Local Authority .. .. .	Nil
Private .. .. .	13

### Action during the year relating to unfit houses

*Slum Clearance* — Two small clearance areas, comprising 6 houses, were declared during the year and 14 houses in clearance areas were demolished.

*Individual Unfit Houses* — Nine individual houses were represented as unfit and 4 houses were closed or demolished.

*Unfit Houses made fit* — One unfit house was improved and brought back into occupation.

### Houses in Multiple Occupation

The difficulties referred to last year in connection with the working of these provisions have in no way diminished during the year and progress still continues to be slow. Valuable work, however, has been done and houses which might otherwise have deteriorated into slum property have been kept up to a reasonable standard of amenity and structural condition. A further 3 houses were brought up to standard during the year and 15 were under investigation and improvement.

### Common Lodging Houses

The registered common lodging-house in the Borough was visited 6 times during the year. The premises were generally kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness, although an occasional lapse indicated the need for regular and constant supervision.

## FOOD

### Slaughterhouses

The standard of hygiene in Slaughterhouses is satisfactory, and little cause for complaint arose in this direction during the year. The use of wiping cloths in Slaughterhouses was prohibited from 1st November, and so another potential source of contamination of carcase meat was removed.

### TABLE III

**Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1968**

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. ..	1,394	138	2,853	2,472
Number Inspected .. ..	1,394	138	2,853	2,472
<b>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>				
Whole carcases condemned ..	20	12	29	78
Carcases of which some part was condemned .. ..	75	5	34	728
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus ..	6.81	12.32	2.21	32.60
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>				
Whole carcases condemned ..	—	—	—	—
Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis ..	7	—	—	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. ..	0.50	—	—	0.40
<b>Cysticercus</b>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	2	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	2	—	—	—
Generalised and total condemned .. ..	—	—	—	—
<b>Offal Condemned</b>				
Heads and tongues .. ..	19	—	—	21
Livers .. ..	197	19	72	176
Lungs .. ..	105	37	20	420
Hearts .. ..	11	7	9	201
Kidneys .. ..	54	17	5	105
Spleens .. ..	4	—	—	—
Stomachs .. ..	1	—	—	—
Intestines .. ..	1	—	—	—

## Charges for Meat Inspection

The Council continued to charge for the inspection of meat intended for food where inspection had to be carried out outside normal working hours. The maximum charges allowed by the Regulations were imposed and receipts over the year amounted to 17s. 6d.

### TABLE IV

#### FOOD

#### Other Food Inspected and Condemned

					<i>lbs.</i>
Meat and Meat Products	..	..	..	..	140
Fruit and Vegetables	..	..	..	..	104
Fish	..	..	..	..	121
Other Items	..	..	..	..	390
					<hr/> 755 <hr/>

### Ice-Cream

14 Samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

### Food Premises and Food Hygiene

Visits are paid systematically to food shops, catering establishments, food preparation rooms and market stalls. Some are models of cleanliness and hygienic practices, but others need regular supervision to keep them up to even a reasonable standard of food hygiene. Stands in the open market are, I should say, above average since we insist on the pre-packing of all food which we think is specially liable to contamination. Communal washing facilities in the market in a mobile trailer have also helped to maintain proper standards of hygiene there.

### WATER SUPPLY

78 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, details of which are as under:

		<i>Samples</i>		
		<i>Taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Towns Mains	..	10	10	—
Boreholes	..	20	14	6
Swimming Baths	..	48	44	4

The unsatisfactory borehole samples gave rise to some concern. It is thought probable that the extensive pumping operations at the sewage works accounted for the pollution which hitherto had never shown itself in samples from this area of the town and as a temporary



measure the householders concerned were advised to boil all water before use, and the situation was to be reviewed when pumping operations were to cease early in the new year.

Of the 5,930 inhabited houses in the town, an estimated number of 100 still had no internal water supply.

### **RODENT CONTROL**

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 31 business premises, 1 Local Authority premise and 116 dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 661 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments was 886 but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

### **Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963**

Routine work continued under this Act during the year at the end of which we had 255 registered premises in the town employing a total work force of 1,121 persons. Premises newly coming into use and, changes in circumstances affecting registration, should be notified to us by a responsible person but this is not always done and a great deal of time is taken up in investigating new premises and ensuring that they are registered and comply with the requirements of the Act.

Six accidents were reported during the year consisting of 3 sprains or fractures and 3 lacerations. These were all reported to the Ministry of Labour under the Accidents and Recording and Investigation Service which they operate.

### **Petroleum Acts and Orders**

At the end of the year, 37 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.







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